



PATENT
0152-0574P

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Takahiro FURUTANI
Serial No. 09/924,679
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For: AQUEOUS INK COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 5, 2003
Monday

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003,
the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted
in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An aqueous ink composition comprising water, a water-soluble solvent, a water-soluble resin, a dye, and a quick-drying property imparting agent, wherein the dye, if soluble in said water-soluble solvent, has a solubility in water lower than a solubility in the water-soluble solvent, said solubility of the dye in water being 10 wt% or lower, and the

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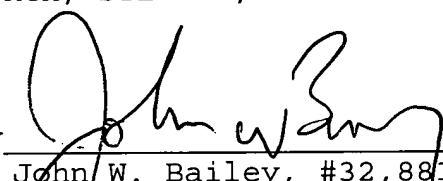
- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

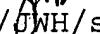
Respectfully submitted,

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